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Ms. Brenda Reger
Director, Freedom of Information
National Security Council
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Brenda:

Among the articles reviewed by the Task Force, which is looking for classified information published by officials who were not under prepublication review requirement, was the article, "Banning the Bomb in Outer Space," by Raymond L. Garthoff. Ambassador Garthoff served [redacted] from 1961 to 1968 25X1
was Special Assistant for Soviet Bloc Politico-Military Affairs in the Department of State. [redacted] 25X1
The article recounts the developments leading up to the Outer Space Treaty of 1967 as viewed by an involved staff officer.

There is potentially classified information in the article in four areas as follows:

a. Mentions the existence of the [redacted] 25X1
describes its purpose, and identifies its membership [redacted] 25X1
second paragraph).

b. Identifies the existence of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) and details its membership (Page 26, same paragraph). Mentions "NRO" again on Page 27, bottom paragraph.

c. Mentions the [redacted] meeting of the NSC and identifies 25X1
one action that was taken [redacted] second paragraph). 25X1

d. Identifies United States use of reconnaissance satellites [redacted] 25X1

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[redacted] Executive Secretary of the Committee on Imagery Reconnaissance and Exploitation (COMIREX) of the IC Staff has stated that the existence and identity of the NRO remains classified, as is the name of its former director [redacted] According to [redacted] this information should be classified SECRET, [redacted]

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Your comments on the classification status of these items is requested. We would also appreciate receiving the reasons for any classifications and the level at which they are classified. Your assistance in this matter will be most helpful.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
"Banning the Bomb in Outer Space,"
by Raymond L. Garthoff

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